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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Testimony of Mr. John W. Macy, Chairman, Civil Service Commission, on S. 1035 Before the House Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service


1. I attended the hearing of the House Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service at which Mr. Macy, Chairman, Civil Service Commission, testified on S. 1035. I obtained a copy of his prepared statement which he followed verbatim throughout his testimony.

2. At the conclusion of Macy's testimony in a brief exchange between members of the Subcommittee and Macy, Representative David N. Henderson, Chairman of the Subcommittee, left a definite impression that he opposes S. 1035 and is much more inclined toward his own bill, H.R. 17760. Mr. Henderson also noted that he would like future witnesses to discuss both S. 1035 and H.R. 17760.

3. Representative Charles Wilson (R., Calif.) indicated that he felt the problems encompassed by S. 1035 are much better handled administratively and that it would be very difficult to write a law which would balance the interest of all concerned.

4. Representative James Broyhill (R., N.C.) asked which agencies use the polygraph routinely, to which Macy replied the intelligence agencies, specifically naming CIA. Broyhill also asked whether two personnel files, one open and one secret, are maintained as a matter of practice. He said he had had a complaint from a constituent claiming this to be true and saying that the secret file is the one which is used for promotions and the open file is ignored. Macy said such practice is not approved and he would invite any information on this in order that the Civil Service Commission could take corrective action.

5. Representatives Henderson, Wilson, and Broyhill were the only Committee members in attendance.


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